

JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

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Our Mission:

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius, the Jesuit Retreat House provides a sacred setting for retreats and programs of growth and development for people in the contemporary Church and society.



"Contemplation, my friends, is not a luxury; it is a mark of a lover; it is the mark of a Christian." Walter Burkhardt, S.J.

Dear Friends:

Many years ago a wise, legendary Jesuit, who happened to be my spiritual director, chafed at my admission that I lacked the time for contemplation.

"And my dear sister," he seriously but quietly said as his stern blue eyes peered over the rim of his spectacles, "just how will you recognize that gallant Lover of yours who keeps chasing after you begging for time?"

It is so true for all of us, isn't it? We hang everything on time or the lack thereof. Can't visit a sick person this week or finish reading that book, or attend a family member's performance in a musical, all because we have no time. And, of course, we can't find time to pray more than the one hour at Mass each week.

Think of a period of time—say a day or a week—as a huge pie. Take all of your activities and allocate a piece of that pie for each. In this given period of time, what is the percent of the day or week you give to work, play, family activities, television, social media, and prayer? Yes, prayer. Make each category a piece of your pie. Which is the thinnest slice? The thickest?

During this Year of Faith, take a chance and attend adult education classes in your parish, and nurture what you learn by coming to the JRH for quiet retreat time. Or come to our presentations on prayer and scripture. Make a retreat. You will become more wholistic as person and as a believer in Christ.

Please make an effort to attend our programs, especially as Lent draws near in the days ahead. Otherwise, "just how will you recognize that gallant Lover who keeps chasing after you begging for your time?"

Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.

Sister Mary and Kannery

Executive Director



A Healthy, Happy House...

The Book Corner

Martha Campbell, Director of Lay Leadrship, suggests an excellent novel for Gerald Manley Hopkins enthusiasts. The book is, <u>Exiles</u>, by Ron Hansen and is a fictionalized account of Hopkins' writing of "The Wreck of the Deutschland", his famous poem on the shipwreck which took five Franciscan nuns to their watery grave en route to serve in a new land.

Sister Mary Ann suggests celebrating the 50th anniversary of Vatican II with the official <u>Biography</u> of Pope John XXIII written by Benigni and Zanchi, and a wonderfully engaging narrative of the Council in Fr. John O'Malley's book, <u>What Happened at Vatican</u> II.



JRH Welcomes New Director of Marketing & Communications Introducing Brian D. Day



We are pleased to announce that Brian D. Day has joined us as the new Director of Marketing & Communications. He is a long time resident of Parma and supporter of JRH. Brian earned his B.A. in Communications from John Carroll University and has worked in both the private and public sector. In

addition to his position here at JRH, Brian is a councilman in the City of Parma, a position that he has held for 10 years. Brian is married to Colleen, who is the Director of Institutional Advancement for Holy Name High School. He has three daughters, Kristin, Shannon and Samantha. He is honored to be a part of this institution and looks forward to promoting the mission of the Jesuit Retreat House. He can be reached at 440-884-9300 x11 or bday.jrhcleveland @gmail.com.

With A Worthy Mission...

Development Updates

Marian R. Rubin, Director of Development

Phil·an·thro·pi·a: December 10th, 2012, JRH friends, board and staff members celebrated the holiday season with Executive Caterers' attending Phil·an·thro·pi·a, an annual fundraising luncheon at Landerhaven designed to benefit non-profits throughout Northeast Ohio. The Singing Angels provided entertainment as we enjoyed warm tomato soup, homemade croutons, and a full luncheon along with almost 900 other attendees. Table sponsors included Rita and Peter Carfagna, Brian Dean-CBIZ and the SC Ministry Foundation. Individuals contributed as well and all collected ticket and table sponsorship revenue raised (\$4200) went to JRH.

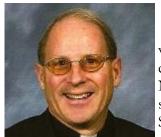
Thankful Hearts, Grateful Minds event: Over 90 JRH friends and benefactors came to celebrate a Mass with Fr. Don Petkash, SJ and listen to speaker Dale Ahlquist, President of the G.K. Chesterton Society give a remarkable presentation on the "Mystery of Mysticism". Mr. Ahlquist is one of the leading Chesterton scholars in the world. Brian Dean, JRH Chair, and his wife Maria hosted Dale, as he flew in from Minnesota to speak exclusively to those in attendance at JRH. All gathered for a reception afterwards. This annual Fall event is to thank all of our donors for their generosity given to JRH throughout the year. We are blessed by all of you and thank each and every one for your continued support and prayers of the Jesuit Mission. May God bless you and your loved ones in 2013!

St. Ignatius Pilgrimage: The Society of Jesus has incorporated a "theology of pilgrimage" in their basic Ignatian spirituality commemorating the pilgrimage St. Ignatius himself had taken from Spain to Rome to Paris following his conversion. Robert A. Hager, Esq., former JRH board Chair, had the idea that individuals within the community could also experience a pilgrimage while visiting the JRH campus. On a warm September evening, friends of JRH enjoyed wine and cheese, then Sr. Mary Ann Flannery led the first JRH St. Ignatius Pilgrimage group from shrine to shrine along the campus paths, concluding with a traditional prayer after a brief description and history of each shrine, statue and the cemetery. All commented how pleasant the evening was and how they looked forward to returning to JRH.

Nourishing Minds...

Lenten Luncheon Series Theme: Year of Faith

Lenten Luncheons at Jesuit Retreat House provide sacred space to gather for a home-cooked meal, and prayer. Spiritual and intellectual nourishment are fostered by presenters who inspire, challenge, and delight. Luncheons begin with prayer at 11:30 a.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. This Lent the Jesuit Retreat House is proud to host:



Monday February 25. Faith on the Line, Living Your Faith Daily. Presented by Fr. Robert Sanson

Everyday faith requires some effort on our part when we are challenged as Catholics. This talk will help you in the realities you face daily that require a faith response. Fr. Robert Sanson is a diocesan priest of the Diocese of Cleveland currently Senior Parochial Vicar at St. Peter's in North Ridgeville. Father earned a doctorate in canon law from the University of Ottawa and served on the diocesan tribunal for many years and was professor of canon law at Cleveland's St. Mary Seminary. He served as pastor and parochial vicar of several parishes in the diocese and one in Rome, Italy. Father Bob loves to sing and is a past member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.



Monday March 4. *Faith Becomes You.* Presented by Sr. Melanie Svoboda, S.N.D.

When we are baptized, we take on the cloak of faith. Wrapped in faith, our faith then becomes us as individuals living our baptism. How can we "look" like devoted Christians? Sr. Melanie Svoboda, S.N.D., is a widely sought speaker and retreat director based in Chardon, Ohio. Melanie earned a masters degree in English from Indiana University and a masters in Spirituality from Duquesne University. In addition to teaching, she has been in congregational leadership and retreat work. She also served on the formation team for the Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus. She has written twelve books on the spiritual life and numerous articles as well.



Monday March 11. Faith and the Need for Learning. Presented by Diane Culbertson, O.P.

Faith means we have to accept some of what we do not understand. But too often we can understand more if we would learn, read and discuss more of our faith. Are there guidelines for this? Diana Culbertson, O.P. is professor emeritus at Kent State University. She earned her doctorate in Comparative Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's in theology from the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, MO. Diana has published two books and many articles some in such journals as The Merton Annual, Religion and Culture, and Christianity Literature.

Check our website www.jrh-cleveland.org for all our Lenten Programs or to pray the Stations of the Cross on line. "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; Because by your Holy Cross you have Redeemed the World"

Igniting Hearts...

Lenten Retreats

Holy Week: Days of Prayer & Individually-Directed Retreats

Has Easter become just another routine? Enter the fullness of the Easter story at JRH with days of prayer and quiet reflection on Holy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29). Holy Thursday features a presentation on the Eucharist and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday features a presentation on the Passion and the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Both days of prayer take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and include a soup lunch and time for quiet prayer on one's own. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

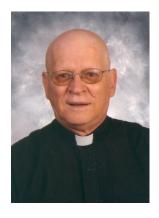
JRH will also be offering **individually-directed retreats** during Holy Week, March 25 - 29 Come for a 5-day silent retreat with spiritual direction, following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Cost is \$300, includes room and all meals. Please visit http://www.jrh-cleveland.org/idrinfo.html for more details. This could be just the break you need this Lent!



Women's Lenten Retreat: February 22 - 24

Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C. Faith and the Samaritan Woman

What is the Lord's Plan for Me?" Presenter: Sr. Mary Ann Flannery. Silent prayer is built into this reflective discernment on faith and womanhood with presentations on the Samaritan Woman and other women of the Christian Scriptures. Appropriate sacred art and music applied. The weekend begins Friday at 6:00 p.m., and ends Sunday by 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$150. The weekend includes presentations, group reflection, quiet prayer on one's own, meals, Mass and reconciliation. Cost is \$150.



Men's Lenten Retreat: March 8 - 10

Presented by Fr. Carl Bonk, S.J. Forgiveness, the Heart of the Gospel

Jesus repeatedly talked about, and witnessed in his own life, the challenge of forgiving others as we have been forgiven by God throughout our life. It is for many the most challenging of Jesus' message for those desiring to become His disciple. The weekend begins Friday at 6:00 p.m., and ends Sunday by 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$150. The weekend includes presentations, group reflection, quiet prayer on one's own, meals and Mass. Cost is \$150.



Lenten Concert: February 24

Mary, Queen of Peace Choir

Come for an afternoon of beautiful reflection with Lenten themes provided by the highly recognized parish choir of Mary, Queen of Peace and its Vox Choralis specialized choir, both directed by David Jaranowski. Performances will be interspersed with reflective readings. This group travels to various diocesan cathedrals to perform and has performed in the choir competition held annually at St. John Cathedral in Cleveland. Concert is from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Please call ahead to reserve your seats. Cost is \$10.

Strengthening Souls...



Lenten Day Retreat: Thursday February 21

Presented by Fr. Tim Kalista

Porta Fide (the Door of Faith)

Join Fr. Tim Kalista as together you will re-discover the Porta Fide (the Door of Faith) which Pope Benedict XVI has asked us to enter this year. Our goal is to walk together, grow in our faith, and be challenged to live it out more fully! You may be wondering how? Sign up and find out! Fr. Tim Kalista is a Parochial Vicar at St. Columbkille Church in Parma. His previous assignments included St. Charles Parish in Parma and St. Mary's Parish in Chardon. Day Retreats begin with coffee and pastry at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.



Lenten Day Retreat: Tuesday March 19

Presented by Dr. Andrew Kereky
The Present Moment and Ignatian Spirituality

Do I really believe God is in the present moment or that God is in everything, even the disappointing challenges of my faith and life? This day of reflection and the use of imagination in prayer and scriptural meditation might be just the way to prepare for the anticipation of Easter. The day begins with coffee and pastry at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.



Lenten Evening Reflection: Wednesday March 6

Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.

The History and Meaning of Michaelangelo's Pieta, the Suffering Mother of God The evening includes a background and history of the creation of the Pieta through visualization of the piece along with a reflective meditation of living one's "yes" in faith. This is a very popular presentation which will make your experience of Lent more meaningful. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.



Lenten Literary Evening: Wednesday March 27

Presented by Kim Langley, M.Ed. Poems of Lent & Easter

You don't have to have been a poetry lover to love these poems on Lent and Easter themes. This gathering is a mini-retreat of prayer and reflection, using poems of great beauty and depth that are still accessible to anyone wishing to spend time going within. The process will include prayer, lectio divina with the poems, and chance to go home with a packet of poetic "gems" to carry with you through Lent inspiring more reflection at home. You will discover, as one past participant has, that praying with poetry is "spiritually exhilarating!" Kim Langley is the facilitator. Kim is a certified Pastoral Minister with the Diocese of Cleveland and holds a Master's Degree in Education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism".

~ Pope Benedict XVI, from his Sunday remarks before praying the Angelus in St. Peter's Square on February 21, 2010

Building Relationships...

Morning Prayer for Women
Mondays, January 21, February 18,
March 18, April 22 & May 20

Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty

of prayer. Led by JRH director Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! The morning prayer takes place 9:30-10:45 a.m., costs \$5, and includes coffee and pastry.

Pre-Cana Days

12:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Engaged couples are invited to prepare for marriage in the beautiful setting of the Jesuit Retreat House! Upcoming dates include:

> February 17 March 10 April 21 May 19

Pre-Cana days at JRH meet diocesan requirements. Cost is \$80/couple.

AA Recovery Retreats

A Recovery Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House is a time to nurture your serenity, experience a re-awakening, and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. Retreats begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude Sunday by 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$150, scholarships are available.

February 15-17 Rosary Hall AA Men'sRetreat Facilitated by Fr. Peter Fennessy, S.J.

April 19-21 Sr. Ignatia AA Women's Retreat Facilitated by Regina Brett, Jane Cavanaugh & Sheila Gallagher-Nadeau

Individually- Directed Retreats

8-Day IDRJune 16-June 23
July 8-July 15 **6-Day IDR**June 28-July 3

5-Day IDR July 15-July 19 Weekend IDR
June 21-June 23
June 28-June 30

Day Retreat: Please, Break My Heart Lord! April 25
Facilitated by Patrick Cleary-Burns and Nellie Cruz-Krawczynski.

Retreat for Religious Women: June 10-15

Facilitated by Joan Marie Recker, SND

Retreat for Priests; June 23-27

Sponsored by the Continuing Education & Formation Ministers Office For additional information on these upcoming Retreats please see our website at www.jrh-cleveland.org or call 440-884-9300.

And Nurturing Leadership!

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The Jesuit Retreat House offers a variety of support programs, training and formation experiences for lay leaders. A word from our Lay Leadership Director: As we begin the new liturgical year, we are challenged to take up our baptismal call to be prophets of the Messiah: to straighten the crooked roads of our lives, to transform "deserts" barren of love into places of welcome and reconciliation, to gather up the lost forgotten, and to proclaim the coming of God's Christ in our midst. To learn more contact Martha Campbell at campbellmarthal@gmail.com.

Food for the Journey: Exploring the Interior Castle with Teresa of Avila. Continuation of the Fall Series Facilitated by Martha Campbell. Open to Spiritual Directors, Retreat Leaders, Pastoral

Ministers and those who have made the full Spiritual Exercises. Saturday Mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 (Coffee and Conversation beginning at 9:00 a.m.) January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20. Held at The Franciscan Center, Garfield Heights. Contact Martha Campbell for registration details.

Nurturing the Call: Exploring Personality Type for Personal Growth and Ministerial Effectiveness. Facilitated by Joe Konen. Open to Leaders/Facilitators of the Parish Retreat Program and the St. Ignatius & Walsh Spirituality Program for Adults. Thursday Evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 (Coffee and Conversation beginning at 6:00 p.m.) April 11, April 25 and May 9. Held at St. Ignatius High School. Register deadline: Monday, March 11th To register contact Janet Lehane at <u>ilehane@ignatius.edu</u>

Ignatian Currents: The Christian at Work in the World, Our Calling. Facilitated by Ed Hahnenberg, PhD Friday, May 17th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., & Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. Held at the Jesuit Retreat House

The Loyola Experience: Ignatian Spirituality Institute Anniversary Pilgrimage. June 13 – 22 All are welcome! Don't miss this opportunity! For information contact Carol Polish cpolish@jcu.edu or (216) 397-1599

Items from the JRH Notebook

Spring Scripture Study

"Up to Jerusalem": Journey with Jesus in
Luke's Gospel
April 8, 15, 22 & 29
Cost is \$50 for all four sessions
Presented by Megan Wilson-Reitz

This four week session will explore selected elements of the Gospel of Luke with attention to certain readings from the current Sunday lectionary. (We are in the cycle which presents Luke's gospel for the year.)

Sessions are designed to be open and accessible to those with varying levels of familiarity with the text. Various interpretive techniques will be used. The text will also be examined to discern what implications it may hold for contemporary Christian discipleship.

Megan Wilson-Reitz is a lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University. She is an engaging and interesting teacher who will make your study of the Gospel of Luke an unforgettable spiritual experience.



In Loving Memory

Each month we remember our benefactors with Mass. In a special way we remember our friends who have gone home to the Lord. In our last issue, we requested prayers for the soul of Judge John Gallagher, the correct name is Judge Patrick Gallagher. We remember and pray for Marie Armbruster, Ruth Bennett, Coletta Normile and Dorothy Vidic, a former longtime book

keeper of the Jesuit Retreat House.

Please let us know when you lose a loved one, and we will add them to our Mass intentions.



On May, 10, enjoy an evening of delicious food and good company –for a great cause!

Reserve your seat today and enjoy the catering talents of Chef For Hire under an elegant banquet tent. You may even choose to wander our sacred paths. This year JRH will honor leaders who serve the underserved.

Table Sponsorships and Individual Tickets are available. Contact Marian at ext. 22

Register for all programs at www.jrh-cleveland.org or by sending in the form below. Space is limited so pre-registration is preferred. Questions? Call (440) 884-9300.

Retreat Registration Form

Please send full payment along with this registration form to **Jesuit Retreat House**, 5629 State Rd / Parma, OH 44134 or register online at www.jrh-cleveland.org.

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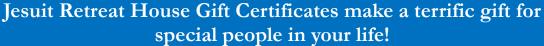
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